

1	2	3
Maharashtra		
8. Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad	:	1 (one)
9. S.R. T.R. Medical College, Ambajogi	:	1 (one)
10. Dr. V.M. Medical College, Solapur	:	1 (one)
11. Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha.	:	2 (two)
Kerala		
12. Medical College, Prichur	:	2 (two)
Rajasthan		
13. Medical College, Ajmer	:	1 (one)
14. Medical College, Jaipur	:	2 (two)
Himachal Pradesh		
15. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla	:	2 (two)
West Bengal		
16. C.N. Medical College, Calcutta	:	1 (one)
Pondicherry		
17. Jawaharlal Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry.	:	1 (one)
Total		28 (twenty eight)
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Delhi		
1. Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi	:	1 (one)
Total		1 (one)

Good Offices of Sri Lanka

1280. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

DR. RAMKRISHAN KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has sought good offices of Sri Lankan President to bring India and Pakistan to the negotiating table as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 8, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir, The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister during his discussions with the External Affairs Ministers in Delhi on June 20, 1996 mentioned that the Pakistani Foreign Minister, while on a visit to Colombo, had asked

Sri Lanka to convey a message to India on Pakistan's willingness to resume dialogue with India. The Lankan Foreign Minister added that his country had presumption of mediating but had only agreed to convey the message from the Pakistani Foreign Minister as Lanka had good relations with both India and Pakistan.

(b) The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister was informed that India would stick to the bilateral path in Indo-Pak relations and India was awaiting a response to our offer of a comprehensive and wide ranging dialogue on issues of mutual concern as contained in Prime Minister's message to the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

[Translation]

Ranchi University as Central University

1281. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Ranchi University (Bihar) into a Central University;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Does not arise.

(b) The National Policy on Education - 1986, with modifications undertaken in 1992, states that, in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in higher institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, main emphasis will be on the consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions.

Pak's Defence Outlay

1282. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pak's defence outlay and its nuclear programme is creating imbalance of military power in the South Asian region;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to deal with the matter with other neighbouring countries of the region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Pakistan's high level of defence spending, acquisition of sophisticated arms and weapons oriented nuclear programme are not conducive to peace and security on the region. Government has